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SUBJECT: AUGUST 26 SYRIAN MEDIA REPORT SARKIS-FRANGIE MEETING

1. SYRIAN MEDIA REPORTED FOURTH MEETING BETWEEN FRANGIE AND SARKIS SINCE LATTER'S SELECTION AS FRANGIE'S SUCCESSOR. DR. KHULI RESUMED HIS CONSULTATIONS IN BEIRUT TO CONSOLIDATE CEASE-FIRE, ACCORDING TO PRESS. PRESS ALSO REPORTED DECREASE IN RANDOM SHELLING OF BEIRUT PREVIOUS DAY, BUT THAT ARTILLERY FIRE DIRECTED AGAINST RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS PICKED UP IN EVENING. MORNING DAMASCUS RADIO, HOWEVER, CLAIMED RESIDENTIAL AREAS WERE NOT SHELLED. VIOLENT CLASHES REPORTEDLY TOOK PLACE IN COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. AL-THAWRAH NOTED BUILDING ADJACENT TO FRENCH EMBASSY HIT AND TWO FRENCH GUARDS KILLED.

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2. TISHRIIN REPORTED THAT FOLLOWING COUNTRIES HAVE

AGREED TO ATTEND ARAB SUMMIT: SYRIA, JORDAN, KUWAIT,
SUDAN, MOROCCO, BAHRAIN, TUNIS, SOUTH YEMEN, UAE, AND
MURITANIA. PRESS CITED WELCOME EXPRESSED BY KUWAITI
PAPERS THAT SYRIA HAD CONSENTED TO PARTICIPATE IN
SUMMIT. KUWAITI AL-ANBA' CLAIMED THAT SYRIAN DECISION
IMPLIED DESIRE TO CONTINUE EFFORTS FIND SOLUTION TO
LEBANESE CRISIS. KUWAIT'S RAI AL-AMM CRITICIZED
EGYPTIAN POSITION VIS-A-VIS LEBANON AND ASSERTED COE
AIDING LEFTISTS TO PARTITION LEBANON.
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